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INVENTION: SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, PROGRAM FOR USE IN SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, STORAGE MEDIUM STORING THEREON PROGRAM FOR USE IN SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND SIGNAL PROCESSING METHOD

METHOD

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-SB08A form, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent. Copies of the foreign patent references; non-patent references and the search reports are attached. English language abstracts are provided for the Japanese references.

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

These references were cited in a search report issued in connection with counterpart European Serial No. 04004878.7 and a search report issued in connection with counterpart Singapore Serial No. 200401526.9.

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